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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS FOR DETECTING THE  
DIFFERENTIATION STATUS OF CELLS  
USING 5T4 ANTIGEN EXPRESSION

Examiner: Marcia Stephens Noble

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2008, and is timely by virtue of the request for one-month extension of time and fees included herewith. Should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under order no. 31127/43664A. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** none.

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.